

BOARD OF HEALTH

Minutes

May 28th, 2008

Present: Sulsky, Ahlfeld, Weiner

Staff: Bodhi, Bokina, Drake

Other: Larry Shaffer, Town Manager, Peter Vickery

Note: Due to member's schedules, this meeting was changed from May 15th, 2008 to this date.
Meeting opened at 7:05PM

I. Review & Receive

A) Meeting minutes from April 17th, 2008-Accepted as amended.

B) The Board received three correspondences with regards to the rDNA regulations

1) E-mail from Diana Stein, Mt. Holyoke

2) E-mail from Valerie Steinberg, former BOH member

3) E-mail- Jonathan Tucker, Director, Amherst Planning Dept.

II. Old Business

A) rDNA Regs

The Board reviewed edit suggestions from Valerie Steinberg, Diana Stein and Jonathan Tucker. The Board discussed Section 6 of the regulations, focusing on registration and permitting fees. Ms. Bodhi was asked to work on final wording with input from Ms. Sulsky and Mr. Ahlfeld. A motion was made to approve all discussed changes with the exception of Section 6 in which Ms. Bodhi is authorized to work on the wording. The motion was passed unanimously.

Ms. Bodhi went over the process to expect at Town Meeting. Since the warrant article to rescind the Town rDNA bylaw comes from the Select Board, Ms. Stein will make the motion and give background information. Ms. Bodhi and Ms. Sulsky will be present to answer any questions.

B) 28 Shays Street –update

Ms. Bokina reported that a building permit for 28 Shays street has been granted and therefore the building was not been boarded up. The denial of appeal letter was sent and Atty. Winner is working on the case for court. Mr. Bert is no longer a trustee of the property.

Neighbors of 28 Shays Street thanked the Board for staying on top of the issue and expressed their continuing concerns.

C) Hampshire Village pool

The state has overturned the variance granted by the Amherst BOH to Hampshire Village allowing them to test their pool water two rather than four times a day.

III New Business

A) Peter Vickery- Energy Conservation Task Force

Mr. Vickery asked for the Board's support for the Energy Task Force's Lawn Care Awareness campaign. They will be promoting banning leaf blowers, reducing pesticide use and the use of certain grasses. They ask for the BOH's endorsement and that Ms. Bodhi participate in a press conference. The Board voted unanimously to support this project.

B) Replacing Alan Weiner on the BOH

Dr. Weiner's tenure will end on June 30th. The Board discussed potential physicians but asked that Dr. Weiner serve until a replacement is found. He agreed.

C) License Fees

Ms. Bokina asked the Board to establish 2 new license categories to begin in fiscal year '09:

1. "Bed and Breakfast- kitchen" because these establishments are required to have a licensed kitchen but do not require as full an inspection as a restaurant kitchen. The Board agreed and established a fee of \$100 annually.
2. Farmers Market- Several vendors are selling products such as goat cheese or eggs. Ms. Bokina feels that because of the potential health hazards of improper handling of these foods, that she must inspect them on most Saturdays. The Board agreed and established a seasonal fee of \$100.

IV. Schedule Next BOH Meeting/Agenda Closing Date

A) Next meeting. Monday, June 23rd, 2008

1. Schedule agenda closing date: June 16th, 2008

Meeting Adjourned: 9: 15 pm

Epi Bodhi, Health Director
Approved: June 23, 2008